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The concluding paragraph of the business report, to be submitted to the half-yearly meeting of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, reads, as follows:—To sum up, more favourable prospects were apparent in the domestic services during the past term, but it is still very early to take an optimistic view. For a really prosperous period, we must wait until financial circles in general have fully revived their activity. A curtailment of expenditure was continued during the term, but the Kaisha must be said to be fortunate in being able, at this hard time, to submit accounts such as those which the shareholders are asked to adopt. During the term, the Kaisha employed 120 steamers, aggregating 146,598 tons, on its domestic and foreign lines, which are now 44 in number, and carried, 1,014,567 passengers and 14,717,675 lots of goods, securing a gross profit of ¥4,826,868. When other items are added, the total profits reach ¥6,055,261. As compared with the previous half year, these figures show an increase of 78,930 in the number of passengers, of 463,745 in the lots of goods, of ¥155,546 in the profits from passengers and cargo, and of ¥194,040 in the total profits. The latter were greater by ¥48,075 than those of the corresponding period of last year.

It is stated that the dividend recommended will be at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

THE KANSU TRAGEDY.

The Peking and Tientsin Times publishes the following details concerning the murder of an Indian in Kansu, brief particulars of which reached us at the time through the Wuh Tai Yai Po service:—

The Clarke hunting and scientific expedition has been attacked by the Chinese in Northern Kansu. An Indian surveyor loaned by H. M. Government was killed. A. de C. Sowerby, formerly master of the Anglo-Chinese College, Tientsin, was captured by the natives. Lieut. Clark, who is an American millionaire and was with the 1900 expedition, escaped and organized a relief expedition, including R. Colman, Jr., and effected Mr. Sowerby's release. The body of the Indian was not recovered.

It appears, says the same paper, that the Indian, who was killed, was more or less responsible. He left Lanchow and some distance from the city trouble occurred between him and Chinese. He was murdered. Mr. Sowerby, who had also left the city to study the flora and fauna in the neighbourhood. The Chinese, excited by the murder of the Indian, attacked him, but making a show of force, he kept them at bay until Capt. Douglas, the British officer who is in charge of the expedition, gathered together a relief party and came to the rescue. A severe fight ensued, conspicuous bravery being shown by Mr. Robert Colman and a German—representative it is believed of Messrs. Telge and Schroeter—both of whom have been commended to the British Government. One Chinese was killed and two wounded, and after an exciting skirmish, the party regained the shelter of the city. The Wei-wu-pu has asked the British and American Ministers to send representatives to investigate the killing of the Chinese, and the affair generally. We regret to learn that considerable excitement is aroused in the interior generally without, however, any connection with this affair. In Shensi and Kansu, owing to continued drought, the crops have failed and the people, famine-stricken, have resorted to cannibalism. While no anti-foreign feeling exists, as such, the people are in a dangerous condition.

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wholesale." The authors thus further
describe the warfare of the hunting-ants,
in *Barper's Monthly*.The hunting-ants surpassed all the
others in interest. Day after day we
would come across their great armies, and
we spent many hours of keen enjoyment
watching their advance. We had read of
their appearance and habits; we had
heard them compared to Goths and hordes
of savages, but no description prepared
one for the actual sight. We watched in
particular one large army which carried on
its operations only a short distance from
our house.Long before we came within sight of the
ants themselves their presence would be
indicated by the flock of birds which kept
just in advance. Most of them were wood-
hoovers—big, cinnamon-colored, creosote-like
birds which hatched up the tree trunks and
now and then swooped downward to the
ground. As we drew nearer, a strange
rustling sound reached our ears, like the
regular pattering of raindrops, and before
we knew "it was standing in the midst
of thousands of active ants whole rushing
and scrambling about over the dead
leaves caused the loud rustling." In a few
seconds twenty or thirty ants had climbed
upon and above our shoes, and their sharp
tapping bites sent us in haste to the flanks
of the army, where we freed ourselves from
the fierce creatures. These ants are not
large, varying from a fifth to a third of an
inch in length, dark in color, with lighter
red abdomens.Until one becomes accustomed to these
scenes of carnage the sight is really terrible,
especially when one lies down, flat and takes
an ant's-eye view of the field of battle.Yet such are the fierceness and savage fury
on one side and the hopeless terror or
frantic efforts to escape on the part of the
victims that it is no less but little imagination
to stir deeply one's sympathies.In place of the steady advance of a well-
drilled army, presenting a solid front of
serried ranks, the formation of the hunting-
ants may be compared to an innumerable
host of cavalry scouts who quarter the
ground in every direction, the whole army
slowly advancing and including up new
territory in the scene of operations. Fre-
quent surges or loader rustlings follow the
discovery and the subsequent terrible
struggle of some quarry of noble size—a
huge beetle or mighty lizard.One fact impressed us from the first:
every creature aroused by the ants seemed
to know instinctively of the awful danger.Whether through odor, or sight or sound,
the alarm always carried its full meaning.Insects which would escape the collecting
net by a single quick motion, here dashed
away with such terror that they often flew
against our clothes or a tree and were
hurled to the ground. Lizards took shelter
under our shoes or shot off like streaks of
light for many yards. Our presence and
that of the predatory birds was disregarded
in efforts to avoid the danger which
generations of inherited experience had
made the most vivid in life.Insects which usually feigned death as a
means of escape, when disturbed by these
ants used all the motor organs given them
by nature to flee from the dreaded foe.Escape seemed to be the result of accident
with all wingless creatures, even with those
possessing good eyesight, for the force,
blind terrified rush as often carried them to
certain death in the thickest of the host as
it did to safety in the van or on one side
of the army. Even winged insects were
a surety of escape. Twice I saw moths
arise heavily from their hiding-places
clinging to their legs and wings. One was
snatched up, and all by a big flycatcher,
and the other fell among the quarters
of the army. The latter was every-
where with a rush dropped his load and
himself upon the newcomer.Here and there one might observe good-
sized balls of ants rolling about, and in the
centre would be some hard-headed beetle or
other insect, the gnat or housefly, or
mimic, and a source of his assailants.We dropped five big black ants into the
midst of the marauders, and witnessed a
combat as thrilling as the contest between
the Greeks and Persians. Four of the
ants slipped off a small rounded stone
over which three hunting-ants were scur-
ring. Without hesitation the black giants
fell upon the brown warriors and tore
them limb from limb, with the
loss of only half a leg. This
is not a serious handicap to one when one
has five and a half robust limbs left. The
fifth big fellow dropped upon a mass of ants
piled like foot-ball players upon a struggling
scorpion, whose sting was lashing the
air in vain. The big ant started another
ripple upon this pool of death, which soon
simultaneously away, leaving no recognizable
traces of him. But the quartet of big-voiced
fellows on their rock citadel fought suc-
cessfully and well. No ant which crept
to the top ever lived to return for help.
The four flew at him like wolves and bit
him to death. Soon a ring of hunting-ants
formed around the stone all motionless
except for a frantic swiveling of antennae.
They were apparently excited by the smell
of the blood of their dead fellows, and only
rarely did one venture now and then to
scale the summit. When we left, two
hours after the battle, the army had again
left the stone and its four doctored de-
fenders, but these showed no immediate
intention of leaving their fortress.The ground over which the hunting-ants
passed was absolutely bare of life, and,
contrary to the rule in human armies, it
was among the camp-followers and foragers
that the most perfect discipline reigned.In the rear of the main army were lines
upon lines of ants laden with the spoils—
legs, bodies, and heads of insects and
spiders, bits of candy almost dried or tur-
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TWENTY YEARS' PROGRESS IN EXPLOSIVES.

The whole vast field of progress in blasting and military explosives for the last twenty years was reviewed by Omer Guttmann in the Canber lectures delivered recently in London before the Royal Society of Arts. We quote below portions of an abstract made for The Engineering Magazine (New York). In the first place, it is noteworthy that, despite the great recent progress in high explosives, the use of the old black powder shows little sign of dying out. In Great Britain, we are told, more than half the explosives used in 1907 consisted of black powder. Practically no progress has been made in this blasting agent since 1880, but a number of rough mixtures similar to black powder have been revived and are used extensively in Germany.

Among these may be mentioned "sprangelpatzen," practically a black powder with sodium nitrate instead of potassium nitrate, "petroblastite," containing pitch and bichromate, and "chalcite," a mixture of potassium nitrate sulphur, lamp black, cellulose, and iron sulphate. In America large quantities of sodium-nitrate powders are used.

There has been no special improvement in dynamite since 1885. This explosive and the gelatine dynamites have in most countries driven "kieselguhr" dynamite out of the field. Considerable advance, however, has been made in the removal of one of the chief objections to dynamite, its liability to freezing. The addition of nitrobenzene to nitroglycerin was one of the first expedients tried, but it was found that the presence of the nitrobenzene reduced the explosive power when used in sufficient quantities to prevent freezing. Later diisobutylene was used, and in 1904 the addition of dinitrochloro-benzene to nitroglycerin explosives was patented, together with a practical method of manufacturing dinitrochloro-benzene. The latter is now made on a large scale in Germany. A large number of other additions have been tried, but none has been definitely adopted for the manufacture of "unfreezable dynamites."

Perhaps the main advance in explosives during the last two decades, the writer goes on to tell us, has been in safety explosives for gascollieries and this has been largely due to the use of ammonium nitrate. This is absolutely safe in all quantities, and although it can not be used alone, a minimum quantity of added combustible avoids flames of great length duration and the account goes on:

"Explosives containing potassium chlorate were for long excluded from the list of safety explosives on account of their extreme liability to explode under electric friction. The recent advent of electrolytic methods for the manufacture of potassium chlorate has brought the price of this chemical down to a point where it can be used commercially in the manufacture of suitable explosives and a great deal of research has been applied to the investigation of methods of eliminating its dangerous qualities. Success has been attained by the addition to the explosive of some oil."

The first real safety explosive was a nitroglycerine explosive, carbonite. Curious enough, it has not been surpassed in safety, though it has been on the market for twenty years. The composition is saltpetre, cellulose, nitroglycerine, and sulphurated oil. The investigation of nitroglycerine safety explosives has shown that the addition of cellulose to nitroglycerine compositions as dry flour to carbonate or wood pulp to other explosives, renders them highly inert in fire damp mixtures.

In every European country the use of gunpowder is prohibited in fiery mines. One black powder-like mixture, bobbinite, however, has passed even the most stringent tests in England and has been admitted to the list of permitted explosives. It consists of about 64 parts of potassium nitrate, 2 parts of sulphur, and 10 parts of charcoal, with the addition of a mixture of ammonium and copper sulphates, or alternatively of 8 parts of starch and 10 parts of paraffin wax with a corresponding increase in the other materials. Over a million pounds were used in Great Britain in 1907. It has the advantage of being slow-burning and of not unduly shattering the coal. The facts that the miners are used to black powder, and that if the bore-hole is overcharged as usual, bobbinite does not break up the coal body, have also assisted in making it popular.

In closing, the writer quotes statistics of the use of safety explosives in English coal-mines, showing that in 1907, of a total of 7,764,122 pounds over 22 per cent. was carbonite, which contains a large percentage of nitroglycerine, and 14 per cent. was bobbinite, the remaining 64 per cent. being distributed among eleven varieties of nitroglycerine and ammonium nitrate powders.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1909.

THE RETIREMENT OF PRINCE

VON BUELOW.

PRINCE VON BUELOW's resignation of the

post of Imperial German Chancellor,

which he held for just eight and a half

years, has been accepted by Kaiser

WILHELM, and Vice-Chancellor Herr von

BETHMANN-HOLLEWEG succeeds to the

vacant appointment. By birth, training,

temperament and inclination Prince von

BUELOW was peculiarly suited to fill

the position from which he has now

resigned. A man with lofty ideals,

unquestioned patriotism, a knowledge

of many lands and peoples, and

with a deeper insight into the work-

ings of men's minds than the great

BISMARCK possessed, the Kaiser had

in him an almost uniquely-endowed

servant. But he has fallen in the

attempt to keep pace with the ever

increasing demands for money to meet

the military, naval and colonial expan-

sion programmes which have been such

marked characteristics of the present

reign. Up till a few months ago he had

managed to "work" his measures

through the Reichstag with great adroitness,

but the enormous deficit in this

year's budget, necessitating the imposi-

tion of new taxes, frightened the land-

owners and the capitalists so greatly

that his subservient Bismarck actually broke away from his controlling influence and threw out his financial bills time and again. Prince von BUELOW was not a man to back a retreat and acknowledge defeat. The money had to be found some how and in the sequel of a discussion, the details of which are not yet to hand, he managed at last to effect a compromise, enabling the Treasury to raise the necessary funds and thus to save the situation. But the compromise has been bought at the expense of Prince von BUELOW's position in the Imperial service. Now that the crisis is past and men can think a little more calmly, we should not be surprised to hear that the resignation of the Chancellor has occasioned widespread regret. This regret, we imagine, will be intensified as time goes on. Prince von BUELOW has many sincere admirers among the English people. They admire his sturdy patriotism; they see that all his acts and words were inspired with the sole desire to further the interests of Germany, and if at times he was rather unscrupulous in pushing his policies, they thought little of the worse of him for that. He goes into retirement with people of many nations saying nice things about him than other House-

hold, CATHERINE or BISMARCK experienced, for there were fewer lovable, human qualities in them than he possesses in such an eminent degree. Perhaps his retirement may be only temporary, and for the good of Germany we honestly hope that it may be so. To our way of thinking it would be to Germany's interests were Kaiser WILHELM to recall him to office when the bitterness of the new financial burdens has worn off somewhat. He is too good a German to be allowed to rust away in idleness at 60 years of age.

Prince VON BUELOW's successor, we learn from Reuter's service, is a descendant of an ancient Jewish banking family who first came into prominence in Frankfurt-on-the-Main in the eighteenth century. Since those days the family has removed into Prussia and now holds lands in the Mark of Brandenburg. He is described as a bourgeois and we should imagine that the family of which he is the head has developed into typical Prussian Junkers, that class of landed gentry from which Prince BISMARCK sprang and for whose prejudices he displayed such an inordinate tenderness all the days of his life. The Prussian Junkers have long had a predominating voice in the politics of Prussia, and as a class are very provincial and very conservative. Herr BETHMANN-HOLLEWEG is said to have leanings towards social reforms, but time will alone show whether he is capable of filling the chair vacated by the cosmopolitan Prince VON BUELOW. The office has undoubtedly been bestowed on him in order to placate the landed gentry and the monied classes, but he will have to display extraordinary powers, almost superhuman powers, in fact, if he is to render the new taxes at all palatable to either the parties which he may represent or to the rest of the Empire. To use a current colloquialism, there can be but few men either in or out of Germany who will envy BETHMANN-HOLLEWEG his job.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

There were only two cases at the Magistrate to-day.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s China, which arrived yesterday afternoon, made the voyage from San Francisco in 27 days, 10 hours and 42 minutes. From Yokohama she took 8 days, 12 hours, 31 minutes, and from Shanghai 2 days, 12 hours, and 27 minutes.

A Committee has been formed, including Mr. Asquith, Lord Milner, Lord Curzon, Mr. Balfour, Lord Curzon, and representatives from all the Universities, to promote the interchange of students between the Universities of the Empire and the United States, and also between the different parts of the Empire, and to establish scholarships enabling students to travel for the purpose of industrial, social, and other studies. They will be selected on the lines of the Rhodes scholarships. The first experiments will be between Great Britain and Canada and the United States.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A fire occurred in the gun and torpedo stores of the Charbourg Arsenal the other day. The garrison in fighting the flames was successful in saving the arsenal, but the damage is estimated at several million francs.

Troubles are again occurring in the Rif district of Morocco, where four Spanish labourers have been killed by Moors. This necessitated a punitive expedition by Spanish troops during which 40 Spaniards were killed or wounded.

Speaking at Poona, Mr. Gokhale, the Nationalist leader, said that the dreadfully assassination in London had blackened the Indian name and caused Indians to hang their heads with shame. The crime merits with universal condemnation.

The Times, in a leading article commenting on a letter three-and-a-half columns long from a special correspondent in India, emphasizes his statements that the real cause of unrest in India is not Indian, but Asiatic. Indian sedition is a symptom of wide resentment against European domination, which is finding stronger expression every year throughout the East.

Mr. Koniishi, a Kobe lawyer, was charged some time ago with fraudulently obtaining ¥2,000 from a client in connection with certain legal proceedings, but was acquitted by the Kobe Court. The Public Prosecutor thereupon appealed against the judgement, and the Osaka Appeal Court found the accused to be guilty of fraud, with the result that he was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment.

Both the Minnesota and the China were searched on arrival at Yokohama from America but on neither ship was anybody found answering the description of Li On, the suspected murderer of Miss Elsie Sigel in a New York tenement house. Li On was supposed to have been converted to Christianity by Miss Sigel, an earnest worker in the slums, but among his compatriots he bears a very evil reputation. He is a Cantonese, and it is surmised that he has escaped to Europe.

Of Sir Andrew Lusk, whose death is announced by Reuter, it may be said that he belonged to a past generation. Born at Barr in Ayrshire in 1810, he came to London as a young man and made a position for himself in the City, where he took an active part in Corporation politics. He was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1860-61 and Lord Mayor in 1874-75, and at the close of his Lord Mayoralty he received a baronetcy at the hands of Queen Victoria. Sir Andrew, who was a Liberal in politics, represented the old borough of Finsbury in the House of Commons from 1865 to 1885. He leaves no heir, and the baronetcy therefore becomes extinct.

Mr. St. John Hankin, whose death by suicide we reported the other evening, was the contributor of many delightful articles to the pages of Punch and a journalist of considerable versatility. Educated at Malvern and Merton College, Oxford, he began his journalistic career as a contributor to the Saturday Review, and he spent a year in Calcutta on the staff of the Indian Daily News. Some of his contributions to Punch have been issued in volume form, and he was the author of several plays. His translation of "Les Trois Filles de M. Dupont" by Brieux was presented before the Stage Society some years ago. Mr. Hankin was born at Southampton in 1869.

After fifteen years of discussion the plans have been passed for the construction of a magnificent wide avenue leading from the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, to St. Germain-en-Laye, the resting-place of the late of the Stuart Kings, a distance of ten miles. The avenue will be perfectly straight, and will terminate at St. Germain on the famous terrace—"the balcony of Paris," as Alfred de Musset called it—some distance from the chateau of Henry IV and Francis I. Thus one will be able to drive in a perfectly straight line from the gateway of the Louvre to St. Germain, passing by the Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Avenue de Neuilly (through Neuilly).

An interesting compilation of the dates of the founding of the great universities of the world has been made as follows:—The university of Oxford was founded by King Alfred in 872; the first college of the University of Cambridge was founded by Hugo, Bishop of Ely, in 1287; the University of Paris was founded by King Phillip II, about 1200; the first University of the German Empire was at Prague, Bohemia, 1348; Trinity College, Dublin, was incorporated by Royal charter in 1591; the University of Edinburgh, the youngest in Scotland, was founded in 1582 by a charter by King James IV of Scotland, 171 years after St. Andrews, the most ancient; Harvard University had its beginning at Newton, afterwards Cambridge, Mass., in 1636; Yale University had its beginning at Saybrook, Conn., in 1700, and was removed to New Haven, in 1716, and the William and Mary College was started in 1617, and was chartered at Williamsburg, Va., in 1693.

OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. IN 1872 there was a great deal of diarrhoea, dysentery and infantile cholera. It was at this time that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was first brought into use. It proved more successful than any other remedy or treatment that was used. Nine chemists out of ten will recommend it when their opinion is asked, although they have other medicines that pay them a greater profit. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Prince Nashimoto of Japan has been appointed Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

Rear-Admiral Teraoka, and the Captains and Officers of the Imperial Japanese Third Squadron will be "at home" on board H.I.J.M.'s Oshima on Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.

It is stated that some time ago the late Vice-President of the Ministry of Education, H.E. Yen Hsin, addressed a memorial to the Throne and prayed for the reinstatement of Yuan Shih-kai who, he remarked, was too able a man to be allowed to remain idle. The memorial was shelved and punishment would have fallen on the memorialists had not Grand Councilor Chang Chih-tung interposed and interceded in his favour.

It will be remembered that the Seoul Press recently reported that the Korean Emperor, in addition to praying for rain, had decreased the supply of food sent to the Imperial table as a mark of sympathy with the sufferings of his people from the drought. A Seoul message now states that on the 8th inst. the Government announced to the Emperor that sufficient rain had then fallen. The Emperor has consequently resumed his ordinary dishes.

Japanese papers state that a betrothal has been arranged between Her Highness Princess Kikashirakawa Takako and Viscount Hoshino Masabumi. It will be remembered that the Princess was previously betrothed to Count Tode, but that the betrothal was broken off owing to the discovery that the Count had previously contracted a marriage in England. The wedding is to take place after Viscount Hoshino, who is twenty-eight years of age, has graduated from the Faculty of Sciences of the Imperial University, Tokyo, which will be in October next.

Among the honours which are being showered on Lieutenant Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, not the least notable is that which is to be paid him by Trinity House. He has accepted an invitation to become a Younger Brother of that ancient Corporation. The letter of invitation intimates that the bestowal of this honour has the entire approval of the Prince of Wales, who is, Master of Trinity House. It is a noteworthy fact that this is only the second time in the history of the Corporation that such a distinction has been conferred.

Mr. L. Broughall, of the draughtsmen's office in the Hongkong Admiralty works, left for England by the P. & O. Simla on Wednesday, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Broughall has never enjoyed good health in Hongkong nevertheless he and Mrs. Broughall will be greatly missed in St. John's Cathedral Choir and the Philharmonic Society, of which they were active members. Mr. Broughall was also secretary of the Wigwam Tennis Club, Kowloon, and as a mark of esteem received from them as a parting gift, a silver spirit kettle. We hope that restored health will be his lot in the old country.

TRAGEDY AT THE BARRACKS.

Was It Suicide?

Private James Haggie, D. Co., the Buffs, met his death on Friday by shooting himself with a rifle through the mouth, in the presence of the Sentry at the west gate of the Barracks. It appears that deceased went to the guard room and averred that his rifle had been left there, or something to that effect, whereupon he is said to have picked up the rifle and pointed it at himself. The bullet entered his mouth, killing him almost instantaneously.

Deceased was unmarried and was about thirty-four years of age. He was a native of Wimbledon, Surrey. It is believed that deceased had family troubles at home. The funeral took place this afternoon.

AN ABSENT DEFENDANT.

Mr. P. W. Goldring asked Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court to-day, for judgment against Mr. E. P. Jordan, to recover \$1,000 for rent.

Mr. Goldring—He has left the Colony.

Mr. Davidson—I appear for him and I don't know that he has left the Colony.

Mr. Goldring—Everybody knows that he has left the Colony.

His Lordship—Do you know that he is not in the Colony?

Mr. Davidson—I don't know.

His Lordship—He is not in Court? Have you seen him lately?

Mr. Davidson—No.

His Lordship—What is it for?

Mr. Goldring—For rent.

Mr. Davidson—I don't know but what his absence is only temporarily.

His Lordship—Can you satisfy me that he will appear if his absence is only temporarily?

Mr. Davidson—It is for my friend to show that he is not here.

Mr. Goldring—He left by the Nippon Maru last Saturday.

His Lordship—It is a case in which Mr. Goldring should have judgment if you have no instructions to appear.

Mr. Davidson—If he were here I should ask your Lordship to fix a day.

His Lordship—If you say he is here I will give you a day, but if not I will still give you a day and fix it for to-morrow.

The case was fixed for to-morrow.

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THE NEW GERMAN
CHANCELLOR.NO FOREIGN OFFICE
EXPERIENCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 15.

Herr Bethmann-Hollweg, the new German Chancellor, is a descendant of the eighteenth century Jewish banker of Frankfurt. He is a bureaucrat with leanings towards social reform, but has no experience of foreign policy.

FIGHTING IN TEHERAN.

SHAH SHELLED HOUSE OF
PARLIAMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran reports that fighting was continuous yesterday throughout the day. Shrapnel fired by the Shah's Cossacks struck the houses of Europeans.

The Shah's troops are shelling the House of Parliament from the hills outside the city.

The British and Russian Ministers urged the Shah to arrange terms with the Nationalists, but His Majesty refused.

ACCIDENT TO BRITISH
SUBMARINES.

MANY LIVES LOST.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 16.

It is officially reported at the Admiralty that an unknown steamer sank submarine C11, off Lowestoft, and that the crew are lost.

Submarine C17 has been damaged but her crew were saved.

LATER PARTICULARS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 16.

Later information is to the effect that the steamer Eddystone got among a fleet of submarines at midnight. She collided with and sank C11. Lieutenants Brodie and Watkins and three seamen were saved; eleven are missing.

Submarine C17 was damaged in a collision with C16 in trying to avoid the Eddystone.

JAPANESE SEAL
POACHERS.SEIZED BY AMERICAN
CUTTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, June 16.

The U. S. revenue cutter Seward, which is detached for duty in Alaskan waters, has seized the Japanese schooner Taki as she was sealing in the Pribyluffs.

ALEXANDRA CINEMATO-

GRAPE.

A crowded audience was present on Thursday evening when the Alexandra Cinematograph opened for a short season. La Bella Chiquita gave a number of songs and dances while Miss Emily Rita also created a favourable impression in a "Dance Fantaisie."

The American papers are much excited over the disability, now realised for the first time, of the Countess Schoenly (née Gladys Vanderbilt) for presentation at the Austrian Court for lack of real quarters—that is, of four generations of ancestors of noble birth. It is a point on which Austrian etiquette is very particular. In England few even of the nobles lines can pass the test. Mr. A. O. Fox Davies, who gave some attention to the matter a few years ago, found only the Duke of Leinster and his two brothers to possess blood of the requisite degree of undiluted blue.

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JAPANESE CAPITAL
FOR CHINA.

(*Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, July 16.

The draft of the regulations which shall govern the Japanese syndicate, which hopes to do business with China in the way of railway financing and contracts, was completed yesterday.

KOREAN JUDICIARY.

PASSES UNDER JAPANESE
CONTROL.

(*Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, July 16.

The news that a memorandum has been signed in Seoul, stipulating that the Judicial Courts in Korea shall come under Japanese management, is confirmed.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

(*Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, July 16.

The Hon. Mr. O'Brien, American Ambassador to Japan, speaking in San Francisco, declared that the relations between America and Japan were now of the friendliest description. He ridiculed the utterances of the jingoists.

AMERICAN PACIFIC
SQUADRON.

(*Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, July 16.

The American Pacific Squadron will cruise in Asiatic waters in September.

MACAO DELIMITATION.

DAILY REPORTS TO PEKING.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 15.

The Prince Regent has directed the Board of Foreign Affairs to instruct H. E. Kao Kih Chen to report daily, by telegraph, details of the discussion taking place between His Excellency and the Portuguese Commissioner concerning the delimitation of Macao.

A MATTER OF URGENCY.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 15.

The Grand Council has urged Yuan Shih-kai, by telegraph, to lose no time in taking up his new post as Viceroy of the Kwang Kwang.

TO PROMOTE PATRIOT-

ISM.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 15.

CHINESE EMIGRATION TO AMERICA.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this morning, gave judgment in the case in which Yan Yung sued Tan Him and Hip Hing Dong to recover \$851 being balance due under a promissory note for \$731, with regard to sending emigrants to America.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Davidson for the defendant.

His Lordship said:—I can state the facts of this case very shortly as follows: The plaintiff sues to recover \$851, being balance due on a promissory note for \$731 which purports to have been given by the defendant in respect of money lent. The plaintiff gave in evidence very circumstantial details of the alleged loan transaction. The defence is, *inter alia*, that there was no money lent but that the instrument was given to secure the payment of a balance owing in respect of contracts to take two Chinese into the United States of America. It is urged that this was an agreement for the performance of an act which involved the violation of the law of a friendly state, and was therefore an illegal, or at any rate an invalid contract, unenforceable at law and in respect of which no liability could accrue. I may say at once that I do not accept the plaintiff's story, and that I do believe that of the defendant, at any rate with respect to the alleged consideration. I must then consider the adequacy of this defence. This Court has, of course, no judicial knowledge of the law of a foreign country. But evidence was given by the gentleman performing the duties of Consul-General of the United States in this Colony, which satisfied me that under the statutes dealing with immigration into the United States of America, Chinese, with the exception of members of certain special classes, are forbidden to enter the country. Breach of the law is punishable with fine and imprisonment. Now on the evidence I find that the men in respect of whom these agreements were entered into were not members of any exempted class, that they could only enter the United States in breach of the provisions of the Immigration Law, and that it was fully understood by all parties to the agreement that this was the case. I am led to this conclusion by, *inter alia*, the language of the documents which were put in, and by the very high price, \$1,050 a head to be paid for passage money for men who were not going first class. Are then these contracts either illegal or invalid by the law of this Colony? Now the contracts were entered into in Hongkong. Payment was to be made partly in the Colony and partly in America. The performance of the contract by the plaintiff took place in America when the emigrants were landed there. There is of course, nothing in our law to forbid Chinese landing in America or anywhere else. It seems quite clear therefore that these contracts are not illegal by the law of Hongkong. Are they then invalid? Now, the law on the subject is enunciated by Mr. Dicey—Chief of Law, page 553, line 148, as follows:—"The essential validity of a contract is subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned, governed indirectly by the proper law of the contract." I will assume that the proper law here is the law of Hongkong. Mr. Dicey next gives certain exceptions to the general rule formulated above. The third exception is as follows:—"A contract, whether lawful by its proper law or not, is in general invalid in so far as (1) the performance of it is unlawful by the law of the country where the contract is to be performed (see *loc. cit.*); or (2) the contract forms part of a transaction which is unlawful by the law of the country where the transaction is to take place." It is suggested by the learned author that probably this exception does not apply to any contract made with a view to the violation of the revenue laws of a country not forming part of the British Dominions. But this suggestion need not be considered here as it is perfectly clear that the laws of the United States with regard to the immigration of Chinese are not in any sense revenue laws. Now, the contract being to land persons in a country where the laws of that country forbid them to be landed, it seems clear that the case falls within Mr. Dicey's third exception, and that this is an invalid contract in Hongkong. That is to say, that the law cannot be invoked to enforce it, nor on the other hand, could damages be claimed in our courts for a breach of it. Similarly, although one party has performed his part, he cannot sue to recover the consideration agreed to be paid. There is no obligation which the law will recognise, and no consideration to found liability; no consideration therefore for the instrument sued on. I must give judgment for the first defendant with costs.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Five natives were fined \$50 each, at the Magistrate's-day, for having unjust scales in their possession.

A native was sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment, at the Magistrate's-day, for stealing postcards from a shop in Queen's Road Central occupied by M. Sternberg.

A GOOD SUMMER REMEDY.

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HONGKONG SERVICE NOTES.

Billiards.
Interest in the Garrison Billiard Championship is by no means on the wane, a fact which was fully demonstrated during the few days of typhoon weather we have just had, when, despite the rain and want of proper accommodation for travelling to and from the various out stations, good attendances have been the order of the day.

On Friday, Q. M. S. Barnfather, R.E., played and defeated Gunner Thackstone, R.A. This match was evenly contested and, although the time taken to finish was not quite what might have been expected, never at any time did the game lag. The "Gunner" was certainly seen to more advantage than his less showy opponent, with breaks of 23, 23, 20, 18 (2) and 17 (2); but Barnfather was content to take the time as they came along, and in this way qualified for the second round, winning by 39 points.

On Monday evening Mr. Hayne, schoolmaster, and Gunner Steward, R.A., met, and Hayne won by 135 points, with breaks of 39, 20, 21, 19 (2), and 17. Steward was apparently caught off form and never at any part of the game looked like winning.

The game between Master Gunner Day, R.A., and Gunner Heathcote, R.A., does not call for any special comment, Heathcote winning what proved to be rather a tame game by 35 points.

C. Q. M. S. Stoeckham, R.A., was unable to play his game with Cpl. Lidstrom on Wednesday owing to the uncertainty of the weather, and the game was postponed.

Gunner Allan, R.A., failed to put in an appearance on Thursday night, and no explanation being forthcoming, the game was awarded to Sapper Grant, R.E.

The R. E. Junior recreation room billiard handicap is still in the first round, and so far no surprise winners have appeared. To Sapper Wilkinson belongs the honour of "running out" in the shortest time, 60, and so far Lance-Corpl. Harrison's break of 28 has not been beaten. Results to last night are:—

Sapper Jordan beat Sapper Woodford
Sapper Chandler beat Sapper Taylor
Sapper Browne beat Sapper McCoy
Sapper Buxton beat Sapper Meaney
Sapper Williams beat Lance-Corpl. Wilson
Sapper Wilkinson beat Lance-Corpl. Harrison

Lance-Corpl. Jackson beat Sapper Brown
Lance-Corpl. Smith beat Sapper McCroly
Lance-Corpl. Lamb beat Sapper Sadler
Bugler Corke beat Sapper McFignin
Sapper Harris, A.R., beat Sapper Yorks
Sapper Harris, F., beat Sapper Abbott.

Water Polo.
The following are the results of the second round of the Buffs Inter-Company Polo League.

G. Co. beat H. Co. 5-0
A. Co. " " " " 4-1
E. Co. " " " " 5-0
H. Co. " " " " 5-0

The match B. Co. v. D. Co. has not yet been played owing to the inclement weather.

Great interest was taken in the match E. Co. v. C. Co.; C being expected to put up a good fight; but C, although he was well marked by his opponents, was successful in scoring three goals, and his team eventually won by 5 to 0, Williams and Adeote scoring one each.

The draw for the third round is:—

G. Co. v. C. Co.	H. Co. v. D. Co.
B. Co. v. A. Co.	E. Co. v. H. Co.
D. Co. v. F. Co.	F. Co. v. D. Co.

Matches to be played in the R.E. canteen on or before the 22nd inst.

League Table.

Goals.	Points.
A. Co. 2	11 1 6
B. Co. 2	10 1 6
C. Co. 2	1 6 5 3
D. Co. 2	1 7 5 3
E. Co. 2	1 6 4 3
F. Co. 2	1 0 0 0
G. Co. 2	2 0 0 0
H. Co. 2	2 0 0 0

Three points for a win and two points for a draw.

Social Evening.
The R.G.A. Sergeants Games Club were at home to the members of the Buffs Sergeants Mess members on Saturday last when games of Billiards, Whist, Euchre, Cribbage and Twenty-Nines, were contested. The Buffs were too good for their hosts at Billiards, winning by 511 points to 509. At cards "The Buffs" were also successful, winning 10 games and losing 9. After the games supper was partaken of by about 40, and the remainder of the evening spent in an enjoyable impromptu sing-song. Sergt. Turner, R.A., presided at the piano and contributed to the programme included Sergt. Flood (Buff), Col. Sergt. Ford (Buff), Col. Sergt. Webb (Buff), O. Q. M. S. Stoeckham (R.G.A.). The proceedings lasted till midnight and concluded with the usual toasts etc. "Jolly Good Fellows" being followed by the customary three cheers and "vivas."

R. E. Recreation Club.
At the quarterly meeting of the R. E. Recreation Club Lance-Corpl. Jackson was appointed Secretary of the Club, vice Lance-Corpl. Harrison resigned. If the secretaries of the various clubs will please note this change, it will save them a deal of trouble when the sporting season commences. "Sentinel" will welcome information of this kind, and if forwarded to Sentinel, c/o China Mail Office, will receive immediate attention.

The R. E. Junior Tennis Club is now in a flourishing condition, and the Secretary, Lance-Corpl. Hayward, would be pleased to arrange matches with any of the other service clubs in the Command.

Sentinel.
Now is the time to take a vacation, get out into the woods and mountains and visit the seashore, but do not forget to take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy along with you. It is almost certain to be needed, and cannot be obtained on railroad, train or steamship. It is too much of a risk for anyone to leave home on a journey without it. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SPORTING.

Water Polo.
Two matches in connection with the water polo competition were played at the V.R.C. enclosure on Thursday evening notwithstanding the somewhat turbulent state of the water.

The first match was between representatives of the Victoria Recreation Club and the Lusitane Recreation Club and the teams were as follows:—

V.R.C. F. E. Tala; A. E. Alves and L. E. Lammert; A. V. Barros; A. H. Carroll; P. M. Remedios and J. M. R. Pereira.

L.R.C. F. M. R. Pereira; J. M. Lopez and C. M. S. Alves; C. A. Rodriguez; A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. L. Rosa and R. A. Carvalho.

The V.R.C. players were the stronger swimmers and the L.R.C. were called upon to defend nearly all the time, the result being that the V. R. C. won by 2 goals to nil.

ROYAL ENGINEERS v. 88th Co., R.G.A.
In this match the teams were as follows:—

Engineers: Marsh, Goodyer and McCroly; Hayward; Holmes, Coxon and Barton. Artillery: West; Hardy and Dobsonham; McAllister; Thomas, Snow and Beattie.

Throughout the first half of the game the Engineers were the most aggressive although they were only able to score one goal while in the second half they recorded two more goals, the Artillery being successful in scoring only once. The result was:—Engineers 3 goals; Artillery 1.

League Table.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points.
C. Y. C.	2	2	0	4
V. R. C.	2	2	0	4
L. R. C.	2	1	1	2
Buff.	1	1	0	2
Royal Engineers 1	1	0	0	2
B. O. C.	1	0	1	0
88th Co., R.G.A. 1	0	1	0	0
88th Co., R.G.A. 2	0	2	0	0
87th Co., R.G.A. 2	0	2	0	0

AMOY NOTES.
(From Our Own Correspondent).
AMOY, July 13.

QUINT NOTES.
There is nothing much to report upon in Amoy in these days. Events succeed each other with unvarying monotony; business keeps as dull as usual; the dollar shows no elasticity; and in fact we are in the midst of quiet times. The only changes are in the personnel of the port which are bewildering in their variety. A six months absence from Amoy means that on one's return fully one-third of the residents are newcomers, and it takes quite a time to get acquainted with all the latest arrivals.

CIGARETTE SMOKING.
Fears are entertained in many quarters that cigarette smoking will take the place of Opium smoking, and prove as deadly in its ravages. Quite a crusade has been started in Foochow on the subject, and one hears of a "Boycott" against the "Foreign Smoke." It is rumored that efforts are to be made in Amoy in this same direction. There is much to be said against young boys and fellows under age taking to cigarette smoking, as the doctors assure us that the influence of nicotine is harmful to youth, and tends to stunt the growth of the young. Moreover, one would hardly like to affirm that all the cheap cigarettes that are put on the market are all alike equally good, and it may be that the combination of tobacco and paper that is characteristic of the cigarette is apt to be deleterious in its effects. It would be a thousand pities if, after making gigantic efforts to smother it, if possible, destroy the opium habit, we were to be confronted by another evil of similar nature.

THE AMOY GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.
This most excellent institution, under the able management of Miss Castling of Guilford, assisted by Miss Underhill of Oxford as the Matron, is slowly winning its way into public favour. It has now been open for three years, and closed for its summer term yesterday, when a distinguished company of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the school buildings to be present at the prize distribution and closing exercises of the scholars. There are now some 50 girls in the school, distributed over four classes, and the splendid way in which they went through the various items of the programme yesterday spoke volumes for the care and efficiency of the training they are receiving. The whole programme was in English, including the Songs and a Scene from Longfellow's "Golden Legend." It will therefore be readily understood how great must have been the pains taken in order to enable the pupils to acquit themselves so creditably. It is not in any way a Charity School, nor directly connected with any Missionary Society. Each student pays full fees for the education received, and the increase of pupils this year shows that it is meeting with the success it deserves. May it continue so to flourish for many years to come.

SUMMER EXODUS.
Now the heats of July are upon us, the usual summer exodus of those who need change to cooler climes has begun: some to Kuling, Fochow, and others to the Sanatorium nearer at hand at Toa. But while those doomed to remain in Amoy must be content with occasional visits to Taishan Island, with its quiet sea bathing, but there are many warm places in China than Kuling itself in the summer, for we are nearly always favoured with a wind from noon each day.

MESOPOTAMIA FOR THE JEWS.

Zionists have lately received news that Mesopotamia is to be the land chosen for Jewish colonization purposes. Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, and Mr. Israel Zangwill, the head of the Jewish Territorialist Organization, to whom the furtherance of the colonization scheme is entrusted, are considering the invitation of Ahmed Riza Bey, president of the Turkish Chamber of Deputies under the new government, to create a Jewish state in Mesopotamia under home rule. The "Law Society," to which \$45,000,000 was left in trust by the late Baron de Hirsch for colonization purposes, has already sent a geographical survey commission to investigate conditions, reports the Chicago *Tribune*. "The preliminary reports show that the land was most fertile and that irrigation was all that was needed to make it prolific." This journal gives further details of the scheme thus:—

"The Zionists readily accepted the scheme, for Mesopotamia is not far from Palestine.

"It is thought that through the efforts of Mr. Schiff, who is now touring Europe, the allied Jewish organizations of the world can perfect the plan and the work of settlement can be begun at an early date.

"It is estimated that it will take at least \$40,000,000 to irrigate the territory, but with this expenditure and the cost of transportation added, the situation in Russia, where there are between 5,000,000 and 8,000,000 Jews in desperate condition, not to speak of those of Rumania, numbering about 400,000, will be entirely relieved.

"The invitation of Ahmed Riza Bey was extended through the chief rabbi and was sent throughout the entire world with the promise that the Turkish Government will allow home rule to the settlers.

"There will be little or no effect on the Jewish population of the United States, but a large amount of the necessary capital is expected to come from that country.

"Private advice from London told of a meeting of the Jewish Territorial Organization, at which Mr. Zangwill, Sir Andrew Wingate, Meyer Spielman, and others declared that in the settlement of Mesopotamia is to be found the solution of the troubles which have beset the Jews since they were dispersed from Palestine.

"In the United States there are 300 Zionist organizations, with a total membership of 5,000. Zionists were divided at the last congress between the proposal to accept an offer from the British Government to settle in a part of Africa, which has since been found to be unworkable, and the proposal to centre all energies on the acquisition of Palestine.

"It is proposed to send at once an expedition of exploration through Mesopotamia for the purpose of gathering information which will guide the propagandists of the colony idea.

"In cable messages from London friends of Mr. Zangwill it is said that Mr. Schiff's cooperation will mean that the plan to send a colony in Mesopotamia will have the financial support which no other plan has had."

The *Independent* declares that the scheme "seems wise and feasible." It thinks that the American Jews, who have been so cold toward Zionism in Palestine, will warm their hearts toward colonization in Mesopotamia. The advantages of the spot are thus described:—

"Mesopotamia is the old home, the second home, of the Jews. There they were carried captive. There they made a name for themselves as wealthy and strong. There Daniel lived, and the three who were cast into the fiery furnace. By the rivers of Babylon the Jews sang their dirges on the willows, and there Ezekiel saw his mighty vision, by the river of Chebar. There was the greatest of the schools of the Talmud, and there the Babylonian Talmud was written, and there, in Bagdad, the Jews are a considerable element to this day, with their bunch of rabbis, their synagogues and schools. Historically Mesopotamia is next to Palestine, the motherland of Judaism.

"No less is it a region peculiarly open and fitted for settlement. It has almost no population, and yet is unsurpassed for fertility. Egypt has only its one Nile, but Mesopotamia has two rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates, and the magnificent alluvial valley between them. It ought to be a garden, and yet it is a desert, not of sand, but of unweeded soil. Possibly there are a million people in the two vilayets of Bagdad and Basra, with 110,000 square miles less than ten to the square mile, and these nearly all massed in the larger cities. One can ride all day over what was the Garden of Eden and will be again, and not see man or beast. Egypt, with less than 13,000 square miles, has a population of 10,000,000, and with improved irrigation will support as many more. Southern Mesopotamia, the two vilayets from the Zab to the Indian Ocean, could support five times as many. It has no uninhabitable wastes; its land is all fertile. It needs just two things to restore its population: a system of irrigation, and good government. Before the Turks came it had government and irrigation; but the Turk has closed the canals and destroyed the people. It is believed that the Hirsch Committee, with its \$45,000,000, will back the enterprise. We see no reason why it should not succeed. The control of thousands of vacant square miles of waste, establish a system of irrigation, and settle 100,000 agricultural Jews on their own lands. They must succeed if they have peace and water. Peace is now hopeful and irrigation is easy. No engineering is needed. The land is practically level, and the Tigris a little higher than the bed of the Euphrates. A railroad will soon go to Bagdad, and will then be extended to India. Already there is a regular steamship line from Bagdad to Bombay. Even with imperfect government the railroad will bring travel and security. There is not on the face of the earth a more attractive spot to create a dense and progressive population."

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DEVANHA 8000	Sept. 4	MARMORA 10500	Oct. 2	Oct. 8
ABATE 7800	Sept. 18	MOBILIA 10000	Oct. 16	Oct. 22
DELTA 8000	Oct. 2	MOBILIA 10000	Oct. 23	Oct. 29
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Hongkong, July 10, 1908. 889

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Hongkong, April 14, 1908. 517

Notice to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 17th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

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DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1908. 919

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER SYRIA.

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Goods not cleared by the 21st July, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative as an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 14, 1908. 910

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All Broken Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd of July, at 9.30 a.m.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD, MELBOURNE & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1908. 909

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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